

WASHINGTON, DC—Today the 9th Circuit United States Court of Appeals upheld a lower court decision that blocked the unconstitutional provisions of Arizona's SB1070 law such as requiring law enforcement officers from using racial profiling. After learning of the decision Representative Xavier Becerra (CA-31), Vice Chair of the House Democratic Caucus, released the following statement:

"US Constitution - 2, anti-immigrants - 0

As with the anti-immigrant initiative Proposition 187 in California back in 1994, the courts have once again soundly repelled attacks upon the United States Constitution and the values which have propelled our remarkable democracy and its prosperity. Arizona's misguided state law, known as SB1070, would trample individual rights and liberties in the name of enforcing federal immigration law.

Most would agree that our immigration system is seriously broken and in need of overhaul. But only the most extreme would say we must shatter the Constitution and its guarantees to individual freedom to achieve those ends.
Many of us will continue our work on a comprehensive fix to our broken immigration system. We can only hope that those on the extreme edges of this issue will soon decide to join us in building an American solution to our immigration challenges."